## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

## NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 3, 2004

IN RE:	)	
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PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF ITC DELTACOM	)	DOCKET NO.
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. WITH BELLSOUTH	)	03-00119
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	)	

## **ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME**

This matter is before Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate pursuant to the April 16, 2004 request of ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. ("DeltaCom") for two additional weeks in which to respond to the letter filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") on April 8, 2004. On April 12, 2004, the Arbitration Panel directed DeltaCom to file this response by April 19, 2004. DeltaCom now contends that additional time is necessary due to the unavailability of its expert and seeks to extend the deadline for responding until May 3, 2004. Because additional proceedings in this matter have been stayed until June 21, 2004, DeltaCom asserts that neither BellSouth nor the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") will be prejudiced by this extension. In as much as this request has not been opposed, and for the reasons given, the request is well taken and is hereby granted.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. shall file with the TRA its response to BellSouth's April 8, 2004 letter by no later than Monday, May 3, 2004.

Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman as Presiding Director